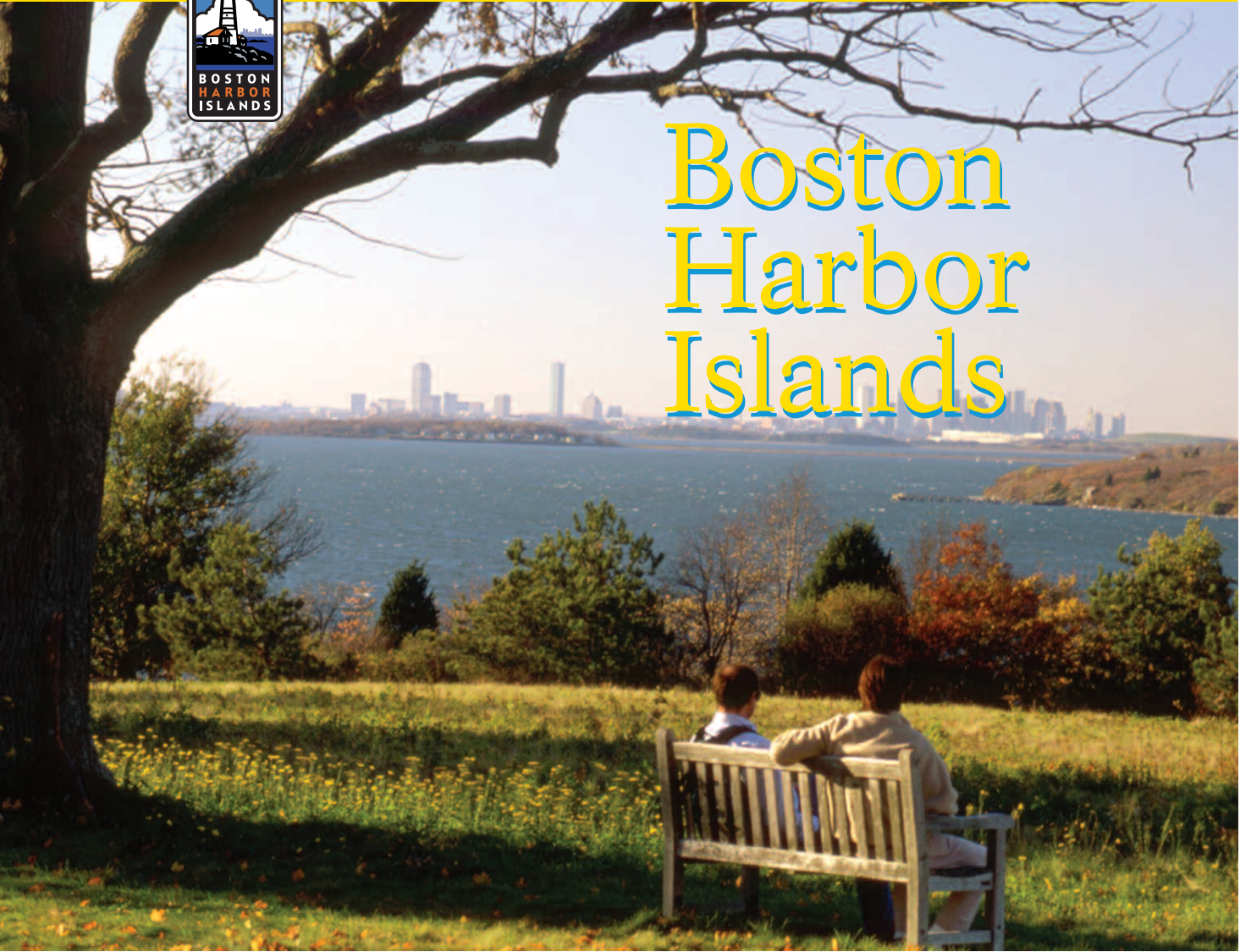


A NATIONAL PARK AREA



Boston Harbor Islands

10 YEARS OF PROGRESS

LAYING A SOLID FOUNDATION

IN MEMORIAM
MAY 12, 1937 – OCTOBER 14, 2006



During his 24 years in Congress, Gerry Studds worked tirelessly to protect the waters and coastline of Massachusetts. One of his environmental achievements was writing the legislation that made the Boston Harbor Islands area a national park in 1996. The Boston Harbor Islands national park area is Gerry's legacy. His vision and leadership are our inspiration as we look to the future. The following is an excerpt from Gerry Studds' message to the Island Alliance at the 10th Anniversary, 2006.

“The Boston Harbor Islands is not a conventional national park. The federal government does not own—and could not afford to own—all of the islands. In order to garner sufficient support to enact legislation in 1996, it was necessary to create a new model.

“Nearly everyone loved the idea of creating a national park for the Boston Harbor Islands. But, for that idea to become a reality, the Partnership and the Island Alliance had to be grown and nourished.

“On this 10th anniversary, I offer my special congratulations to the leaders, staff, and supporters of the park. You accepted the challenge—and made the new model work.

“Happy 10th indeed!”

34 Islands, One National Park.

Bumpkin Island • Button Island • Calf Island • Deer Island • Gallops Island

• Georges Island • Grape Island • The Graves • Great Brewster Island •

Green Island • Hangman Island • Little Brewster Island • Langlee Island •

Little Calf Island • Long Island • Lovells Island • Middle Brewster

Island • Moon Island • Nixes Mate • Nut Island • Outer Brewster Island •

Peddocks Island • Raccoon Island • Ragged Island • Rainsford Island •

Sarah Island • Shag Rocks • Sheep Island • Slate Island • Snake Island

• Spectacle Island • Thompson Island • Webb Memorial Park • Worlds End

The Beginning of a National Park

President Clinton signed the law creating Boston Harbor Islands national park area on November 12, 1996, and we have chosen to begin our year of celebration with that date. But was that the beginning of the national park?

As early as the 1880s Frederick Law Olmsted and his protégé Charles Eliot recognized the potential of the islands in Boston Harbor. Olmsted likened Boston to Venice; he envisioned Boston Harbor as a part of the city and significant to its prosperity.

Though Olmsted's and Eliot's proposals were not carried out, a few islands were dedicated to park use in the mid-1900s. Then in the 1970s

U.S. Senator Ted Kennedy and State Senator Joe Moakley saw the need to set all the islands aside for the public.

Today, as the result of a massive cleanup of harbor waters in the 1990s, people are enjoying Boston Harbor for swimming and boating. The harbor's natural systems—essential in sustaining activities like fishing—are rebounding. Inspired by the clean harbor, people are rediscovering the Boston Harbor Islands.

Thousands of individuals have labored to realize the dream of protecting and using the Boston Harbor Islands. We have had the chance to formally thank but a few. We are indebted

to all who went before us and we inherit the responsibility of carrying the park vision forward.

We wish to make special note of two departed leaders. Congressman Gerry Studds championed the federal legislation creating the national park in 1996. Congressman Joe Moakley led the call for early support of our fledgling efforts.

Continued support from all levels of government and the private sector is essential to future progress. As we continue to move forward, we will protect and share an amazing resource available to all our citizens. We will honor the history of Native Americans who have lived here for thousands of years. We will continue

to work together to ensure that our children ... and grandchildren will be able to explore and appreciate the beauty of our Harbor Island heritage.

And we invite you to join us.



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Boston Harbor
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Northeastern
University



“Welcome to Fantasy Island...”

“Indeed, with terrain ranging from near-wilderness to paved promenades, the Harbor Islands park could become the most significant addition to the Hub's environment since Frederick Law Olmsted designed his Emerald Necklace of parks through the center of the city. Its unique governing and financing structure could become a national model for park development in the 21st century.

“Or this could be just another grand idea that falls victim to bickering and distrust.”

The Boston Globe, August 24, 1997



COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

Given the number of interests that would need to work together to make it happen, Boston Harbor Islands as a national park may have seemed a fantasy. We were a group of a dozen federal, state, municipal, and non-profit agencies, each with our own priorities, programs, and needs. Ten agencies owned the islands. American Indians also had interests in the islands' future, as did many neighborhood and environmental groups.

With so many interested in the newly rediscovered treasure at Boston's front door, could we ever accept a common vision? Or would a national park remain a “Fantasy Island”?

SHARED VISION

One of our first challenges was to bring together the many interested groups to find out what each wanted and what each needed. This lengthy process resulted in a park general management plan. Getting there was no small feat. From 1997 to 2002, we held hundreds of public meetings. Every month, we made presentations and held workshops about the future of the new national park.





National Park Service Director Mary Bomar adopted the park’s general management plan while serving as Northeast Regional Director. Approval was recommended by Boston Harbor Islands Superintendent Bruce Jacobson and unanimously endorsed by the Partnership.

Composed of 28 members representing 7 different segments of the community, the Advisory Council spearheaded a broad public review of the draft general management plan. We revised the plan, incorporating community feedback. After consulting with Native American individuals, groups, and tribes, many more changes were made. Widespread acceptance of the final plan is the result of more than a thousand people sharing their hopes and desires for the future of the Harbor Islands. The shared vision and policies of the plan represent agreement on our course for operating a national park in a marine setting, accessible to an urban public, with environmental protections in place.

PEOPLE MAKE IT HAPPEN

The 13 members of the Boston Harbor Islands Partnership coordinate management of the park. Together they deliberate policy, coordinate on-the-ground implementation, and jointly offer public programs. The Partners have met in formal sessions 91 times since 1996, with the benefit of recommendations from standing committees and the Boston Harbor Islands Advisory Council. All Partnership, committee, and Advisory Council meetings have been open to the public and broad participation has been encouraged.

BOSTON HARBOR ISLANDS
ADVISORY COUNCIL

(2 seats)

COMMONWEALTH
OF MASSACHUSETTS

- Department of Conservation & Recreation (2 seats)
- Massachusetts Water Resources Authority
- Massachusetts Port Authority

NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

- Island Alliance
- The Trustees of Reservation
- Thompson Island Outward Bound Education Center

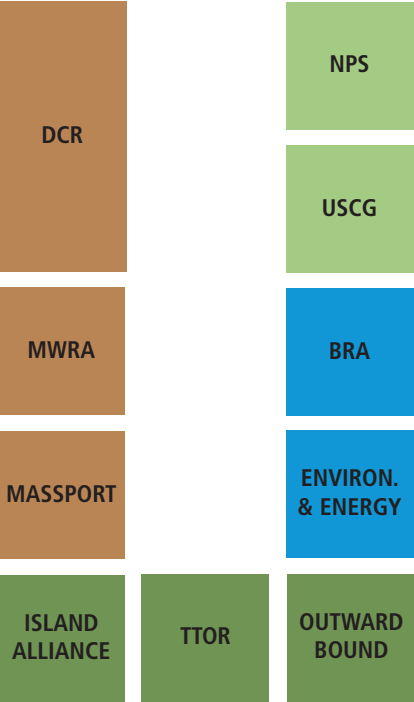
CITY OF BOSTON

- Office of Environmental & Energy Services
- Boston Redevelopment Authority

FEDERAL AGENCIES

- United States Coast Guard
- National Park Service

ADVISORY COUNCIL



On the next few pages, you will meet just a few of the visionaries and volunteers, teachers and students, business leaders and scientists who have been instrumental in turning the vision of the Boston Harbor Islands national park area into a reality.





ROBERT W. GOLLEDGE, JR.

Secretary of Environmental Affairs,
Commonwealth of Massachusetts

“The Boston Harbor Islands are one of the last untouched frontiers in the greater Boston area. The Commonwealth has played a key role in helping to build this national park area and I am proud to have contributed to those efforts, both as Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection and now as Secretary of Environmental Affairs. The islands are a wonderful natural laboratory for scientists, a peaceful retreat for those who seek tranquility, and a recreation area for those wanting to explore the out-of-doors. To protect our environment in the 21st century we must inspire people to value it, and few places in eastern Massachusetts provide as good an opportunity to do that as these magnificent islands.”



E. O. WILSON

Harvard University professor
for nearly five decades;
ecologist; author

“Today, the archipelago, reborn as the Boston Harbor Islands national park area, is a mecca for residents and visitors. The harbor waters offer proof of the resilience of living nature. Shellfish have resettled the bottom. Large fish are back: striped bass and bluefish run right up to the harbor docks. Seals and porpoises have returned in small numbers; even a hump-back whale was observed cruising the outer island waters, presumably drawn there by a new abundance of food... I was attracted to the prospect of a natural laboratory and classroom at my doorstep, one that also serves seven million other suburban and urban dwellers. Best of all, here was an opportunity to unglue city children from their TVs and computers and engage them in real-life educational adventure.”

Excerpt from *The Creation: An Appeal to
Save Life on Earth* by E. O. Wilson



CLEO MOHAMMED

Former member of the
Youth Conservation Corps (YCC); Boston
Environmental Ambassadors to National
Parks (BEAN) and
NPS Park Ranger

“In high school, I was a student in the BEAN after-school program and then worked in the YCC and performed stewardship projects at national parks in New England including the Boston Harbor Islands. I became a park ranger for the Boston Harbor Islands. Today, I’m a psychology major at Spelman College in Atlanta, Georgia. It is my goal to one day design and implement youth programs and when I do, my work will be shaped by my experiences and memories of the Boston Harbor Islands and the national parks.”



SUSAN KANE

Islands District Manager;
Massachusetts Department of
Conservation & Recreation (DCR)

“Managing the Boston Harbor Islands is a dream job. My love for the Harbor Islands formed in the early 1990s when I was Island Manager on Bumpkin. After getting a masters degree in education, I joined the Thompson Island staff and got to interact with students from all walks of life. I witnessed first-hand how the beauty and adventure of the islands positively impacted their lives. Now, as District Manager for DCR, I am proud to have responsibility for Bumpkin and about one half of all the islands in the national park. I look forward to the next 10 years with enthusiasm, commitment, and hope.”



TANA GLENNON

Sixth grade science teacher at
the Harbor School, Dorchester

“The Boston Harbor Islands are central to my curriculum. I’ve been bringing classes here for five years on many exciting projects. For most students, it’s the first time they have been to the islands and they are thrilled. Last year, students worked with a scientist who is studying invasive crabs. Each week we went to various harbor islands and collected data using different methods. The students learned about science by doing it, and that is so exciting! I believe in using resources within the community and look forward to more great classes over the next five years.”



THOMAS M. MENINO

Mayor, City of Boston

“I want to express my deep appreciation to the Boston Harbor Islands Partnership for the extraordinary strides we have made in the transformation of the Boston Harbor Islands into places for learning, entertainment, and recreational activities. We have accomplished a lot over the past 10 years through the dedication and broad range of experience members bring to the Partnership.

“Each year, more and more people are discovering the beauty of the Boston Harbor Islands. The reclamation of the surface artery and the creation of the Rose Kennedy Greenway have reconnected Boston with our waterfront and will increasingly serve as a wonderful launching point to the islands. I look forward to continuing our partnership for many years to come.

“Congratulations!”



COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP



EDITH ANDREWS

Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah); former Advisory Council representative to the Boston Harbor Islands Partnership

“Deer Island—and all the other harbor islands that were once havens of pleasure and enjoyment for the Indians—became the location of tragic imprisonment of Christian Indians and Traditional Indians during the King Philip’s War. This period marks an inhumane chapter in this region’s history. The descendants of the Indian Nations and Tribes that were involved in the King Philip’s War are adamant that the stories must be told about our First Holocaust in the 1670s. The islands and their management provide educational opportunities to increase awareness between Native and non-Native communities.”

Excerpt from comments on the Draft General Management Plan, 2001



BILL GREEN, M.D.

Volunteer; Voluntary Chair, Boston Harbor Islands Subcommittee on Renewable Energy & Sustainable Design

“I was loose enough to think that we could organize more than 100 volunteers and 20 organizations to dislodge four miles of state-of-the-art irrigation pipe from the grips of new vegetation on Spectacle Island and transfer it to immigrant community farms in Dracut and Lancaster. The farms are part of the New Entry Sustainable Farming Project, a special project of John Ogonowski, a pilot who was killed on 9/11. It took a year and a half, but we did it. The spirit of volunteerism is alive and well in the Boston Harbor Islands national park area.”



AMAL SHEIKHAHMED

Member Boston Environmental Ambassadors to National Parks (BEAN); Boston Harbor Islands Junior Ranger

“Since working for the park, I have come to know the islands as my second home. Many times I think about where I would be without the opportunity to visit the islands and take pleasure in all their natural beauty, and I realize my life as a Bostonian would not be complete. An LNG storage facility on Outer Brewster Island poses a threat, not only to protected species depending on us for survival and the recreational activities in and around the island, but to our nation’s concept of national parks as a whole. Outer Brewster should not be for sale.”

Excerpt from testimony before the Massachusetts House and Senate Committee on Bonding, Capital Expenditures, and State Assets



RAJ SHARMA

Private Wealth Advisor, Merrill Lynch Private Banking & Investment Group; Island Alliance Co-Chair

“Over the past 10 years, corporate funding has been essential to the success of the Boston Harbor Islands national park area. The corporate community has demonstrated its commitment to the park and the many science, education, and public programs taking place just minutes from downtown Boston.

“Corporate support helps ensure the islands are easily accessible to everyone. As the focus of Boston returns to the waterfront and the islands, companies along the harbor are showing their support through volunteer efforts and financial sponsorship.”



1997–2006 PARK SPENDING (\$78.5M)

FUNDING MAKES IT HAPPEN

When Boston Harbor Islands national park area was created, Congress stipulated that no more than one-quarter of park monies could come from the federal government. It is our goal to support the park with equal funding from:

- 1. Massachusetts agencies & authorities
- 2. private philanthropy & revenue generation
- 3. municipalities & other sources
- 4. National Park Service & other federal agencies

Since 1996 we—the Partnership agencies—have spent \$78.5 million to provide visitor services, rebuild island infrastructure, and protect park resources; plus \$29.6 million to develop new parkland at Deer and Nut Islands. Volunteers contributed work valued at \$1.5 million over the same period. Currently our combined park operating expenditures total \$7.5 million annually.

Our model relies on additional private- and public-sector investments to support the park purpose. For example, Harbor Islands Express, LLC built two passenger ferries at a cost of \$2.5 million. Another \$47 million was spent for park infrastructure on Spectacle Island, a component of the “Big Dig.” Over the *next* 10 years we will need \$200 million dollars for operations, and up to \$300 million for facility improvements called for in the park general management plan. ■



Welcome back!

For the past five years,
the water in the harbor
has been clean enough
to swim in.



INVITING VISITORS

One of our first goals was to attract more visitors to the islands. Public relations efforts generated extensive coverage in local, national, and international media. Our ambitious branding effort unifies the park's identity on its website and on signs and at gateways throughout the park. We placed a promotional video in all terminals at Logan Airport, installed a lightbox display in Terminal C, and ran free ads on Massport buses. Pilots point out the islands on take-off! ■ A single phone number and a website help visitors plan trips and get information about events and schedules. More than 40,000 people have toured the Deer Island Treatment Plant and learned how its processes have made the harbor swimmable again. With the launch of Discovery Cruises, downtown workers can leave the office or construction site and enjoy lunch among the islands ■ Working with private-sector operators, we have placed more than 50 moorings near the islands, and opened a new marina on Spectacle Island. When they arrive, visitors can pick up a copy of our first guidebook, *Boston Harbor Islands National Park Area*, edited by Ken Mallory and produced cooperatively with a private publisher. ■

INVITING VISITORS



INVITING VISITORS
THE NEXT 10 YEARS

■ Since 1996, visitation to the park has doubled. In 2004, our private-sector operator invested in two new ferries. Ferry ridership increased by 30% from 2004 to 2005, and jumped another 18% over the past year, for a total increase of 50% in just two years.

■ Three islands have been newly opened to the public: Spectacle Island, boasting a “green infrastructure” and 114 acres of stunning walks and vistas; Nut Island, with a fishing pier and trails crossing 11 acres; and Deer Island, surrounded by 60 landscaped acres with almost 5 miles of paved trails.

■ With improved water quality, more and more visitors arrive in kayaks and other small craft.

■ Landmarks Orchestra concerts, performances by Boston Children’s Theater, and Jazz on the Porch draw summer crowds to the islands. During weekly Family Fun Days on Georges Island parents and kids fly kites, play antique baseball, and have fun!

■ Every year, a cadre of rangers, lifeguards, and facilities staff are joined by volunteers to assist island visitors. Over the past 10 years, 2,600 volunteers reported 91,400 hours of contributed time, with members of the Volunteers and Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands in the vanguard. The Friends are in their 26th year of service.

■ In 2006, we hosted the second Boston Harbor Islands Regatta, a 12.5-mile race that attracted more than 100 boats and 500 hundred spectators who watched from Georges Island.

■ Nature lovers hike and camp on Grape, Bumpkin, Lovells, or Peddocks and enjoy ranger-led walks and campfire programs.

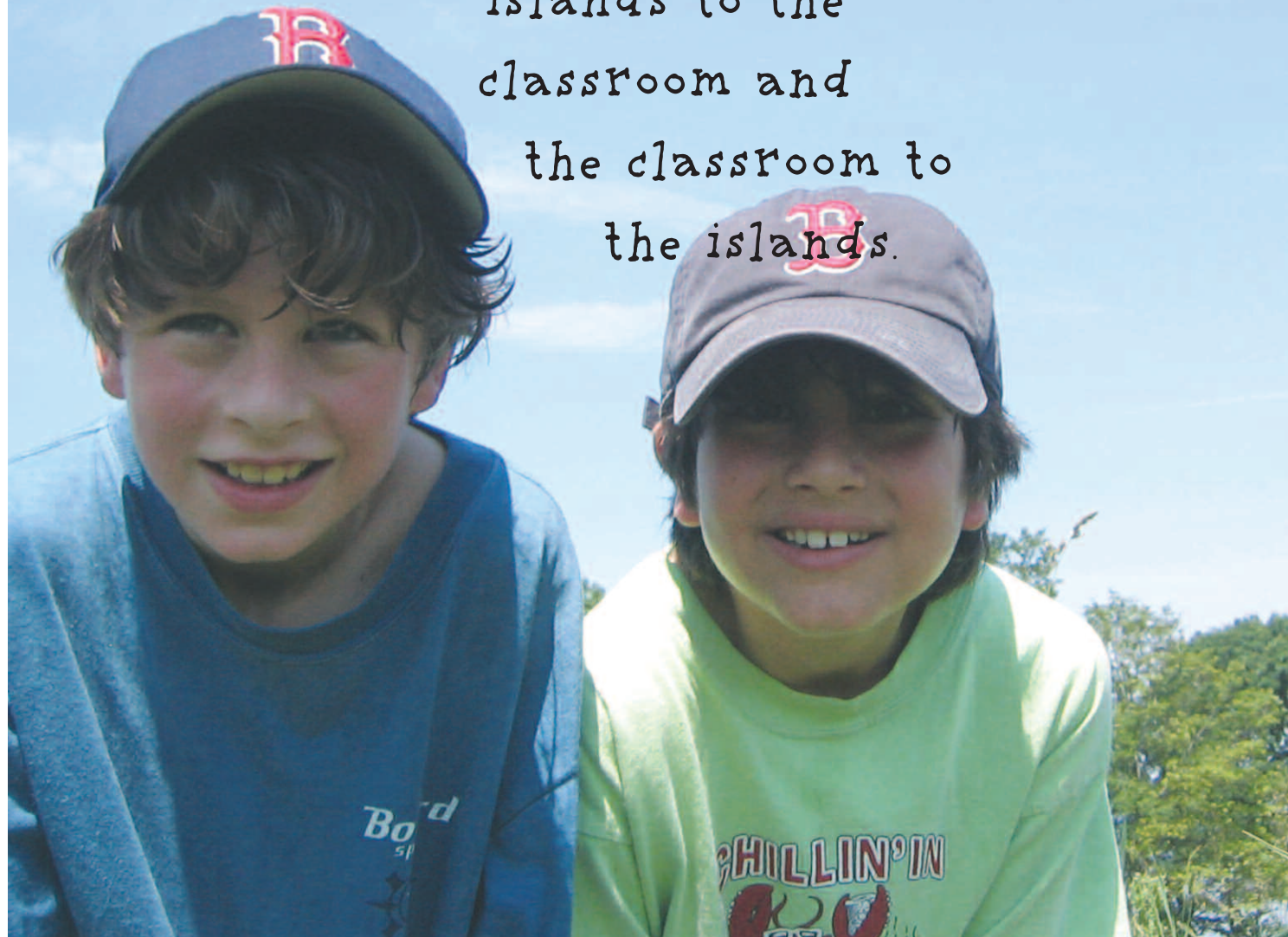
■ In operation since 1716, Boston Light on Little Brewster Island is the country’s oldest light station. Working with the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary and others, we opened the light station for regular public tours in 1999. Last year, Boston Light attracted 3,000 visitors.

The islands have so much to offer. To increase the numbers of visitors over the next 10 years, we plan to:

- Conduct market research and develop a campaign to attract visitors to the park from all walks of life
- Increase the number of mainland gateways for park ferries and improve access for private boaters
- Expand recreational opportunities, offer more programming, and create new visitor amenities such as a signature food service
- Complete outdoor exhibits and signs on all islands visited by the public



Custom curricular
programs bring the
islands to the
classroom and
the classroom to
the islands.



INSPIRING YOUNG PEOPLE

A key goal of the national park vision is to use the islands as an education resource for local youth. Partnering with schools, teachers, agencies, and universities, we have drawn young people to the islands to participate in an array of programs that offer coursework, research opportunities, internships, and jobs. ■ We've worked with area teachers to develop lesson plans that integrate classroom study with fieldwork. Students come to the islands to engage in a myriad of hands-on projects like navigation, water-quality testing, salt marsh exploration, and a ropes course featuring a 60-foot tower—to name a few! The park provides 35,000 student-program days each year. They learn from harbormasters, captains, historians, and tribal leaders. Along the way, young people develop a sense of who they are. ■ Students from Odyssey High School wrote and published a guidebook for other teens. Students from the Harbor Middle School wrote a second guidebook for younger children. ■ Through the cooperative efforts of the New England Aquarium and Mayor Menino's office, children are able to attend a summer day camp on Long Island. ■

INSPIRING YOUNG PEOPLE



INSPIRING YOUNG PEOPLE
THE NEXT 10 YEARS

■ Boston’s Environmental Ambassadors to National Park or BEAN, sponsors high school youth in an after-school program. BEAN provides career opportunities, environmental education, and paid internships. Last year, students tested water quality and designed presentations for the Blue Hills Boys & Girls Club in Dorchester and the Trotter School in Roxbury.

■ In 2006, our Harbor Connections program brought 2,500 school children to the islands as part of a science curriculum. We worked with American Indians to publish *Living In Two Worlds: Native American Experiences in the Boston Harbor Islands*, a DVD and teachers’ guide.

■ The Junior Ranger program provides high school students with summer employment. Participants work full-time for eight weeks leading “tours for teens” and assisting with public events in the park.

■ The Public Land Corps and the Youth Conservation Corps programs have funded the Thompson Islands Green Corps and the Harbor Visions Crew; both provide summer jobs for young people. For the past eight years, arborists from the NPS Olmsted Center conducted youth workshops on tree work, leading to entry-level jobs in the field. This is the only national park program of its kind.

■ Throughout the summer, the Piers Park sailing program and Outward Bound bring several hundred youth to the islands in small sailboats or kayaks.

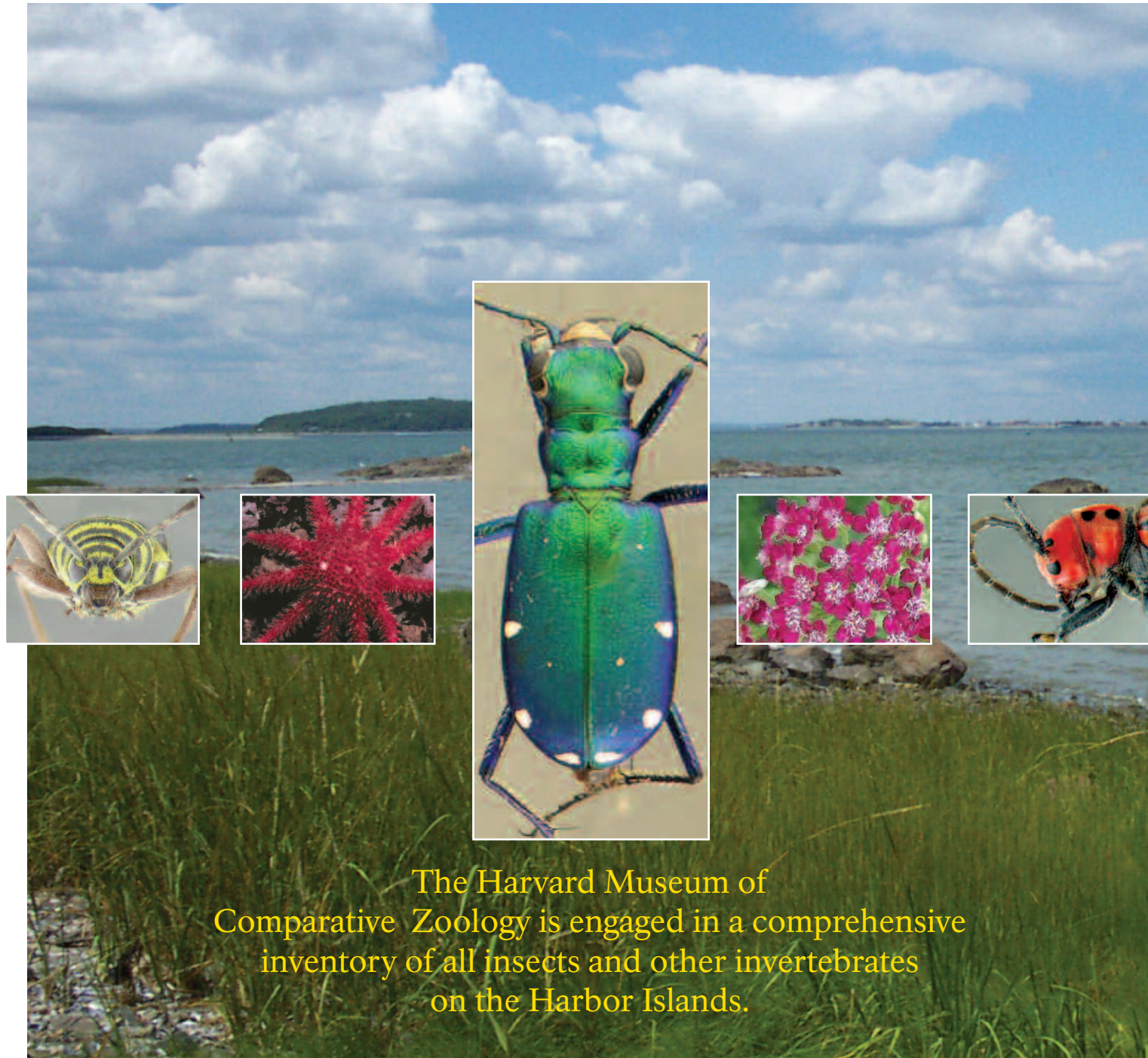
■ During the past 10 years we have distributed more than 42,500 complimentary ferry passes to summer youth and community groups. Starting in 2004, we added 3,000 free student trips each year.

■ Among the many supporters of our goal to provide access for youth, The Boston Harbor Association and Save the Harbor/Save the Bay each bring thousands of students to the islands annually.

By establishing partnerships to engage students from elementary school through college, we’ve laid a foundation upon which to build an expansive educational program. To expand our outreach, we plan to:

- Fund more field trips for schools and expand low-cost access for young people
- Increase the number and size of job programs to serve visitors, address backlog maintenance, and teach job skills to youth
- Explore opportunities to deliver interactive, online learning that incorporates field trips and park visits
- Expand professional development opportunities for teachers





The Harvard Museum of Comparative Zoology is engaged in a comprehensive inventory of all insects and other invertebrates on the Harbor Islands.



CONNECTING WITH NATURE AND THE PAST

As of 1996, a comprehensive study of the plants and animals living on the Boston Harbor Islands had never taken place. Our knowledge of the islands' historic and archeological sites was limited to a few specific but scattered studies. To manage and protect the park's natural and cultural resources, we set out to discover exactly what those resources were. So far, we have completed a survey of habitats and wildlife; identified vegetation changes since European settlement; studied boat wakes and erosion of island shorelines; conducted a scenic inventory; and initiated an archeological overview. ■ As our knowledge grew, we published preliminary results in cooperation with MIT Sea Grant. In 2003, we held the Boston Harbor Islands Science Symposium. Proceedings were published in a special edition of the *Northeastern Naturalist*. Students, families, and volunteers contribute to our emerging knowledge by participating in public programs as citizen scientists. ■ Using scientific data, the partnership adopted a strategy to protect park resources from overuse on an island-by-island basis. ■

CONNECTING WITH NATURE AND THE PAST



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NATURE AND THE PAST
THE NEXT 10 YEARS

■ A wildlife study revealed that Outer Brewster Island is the area’s most important nesting site for seabirds, a fact that had never been recognized. More than 100 species of birds have been documented in the harbor islands!

■ To protect the nesting sites of terns, we posted signs throughout the park.

■ Aspiring scientists participated in a Beetle Blitz in 2006, a Coleoptera race to see how many beetle species could be counted in a 24-hour biological survey. The collected data contributed to the Harvard-based bio-diversity inventory.

■ In 2004, we became the only national park to complete a comprehensive survey of the zone between high and low tide lines.

■ In recognition of its role as a navigational aid in Boston Harbor since 1807, Nixes Mate was listed in the National Register of Historic Places. The Volunteers and Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands played a key role in listing the structure, which is the group’s logo.

■ In 2006, students and volunteers ranging in age from 5 to 85 assisted researchers from McGill University tracking invasive crabs. Participants explored the intertidal zone and learned about native and non-native crab species.

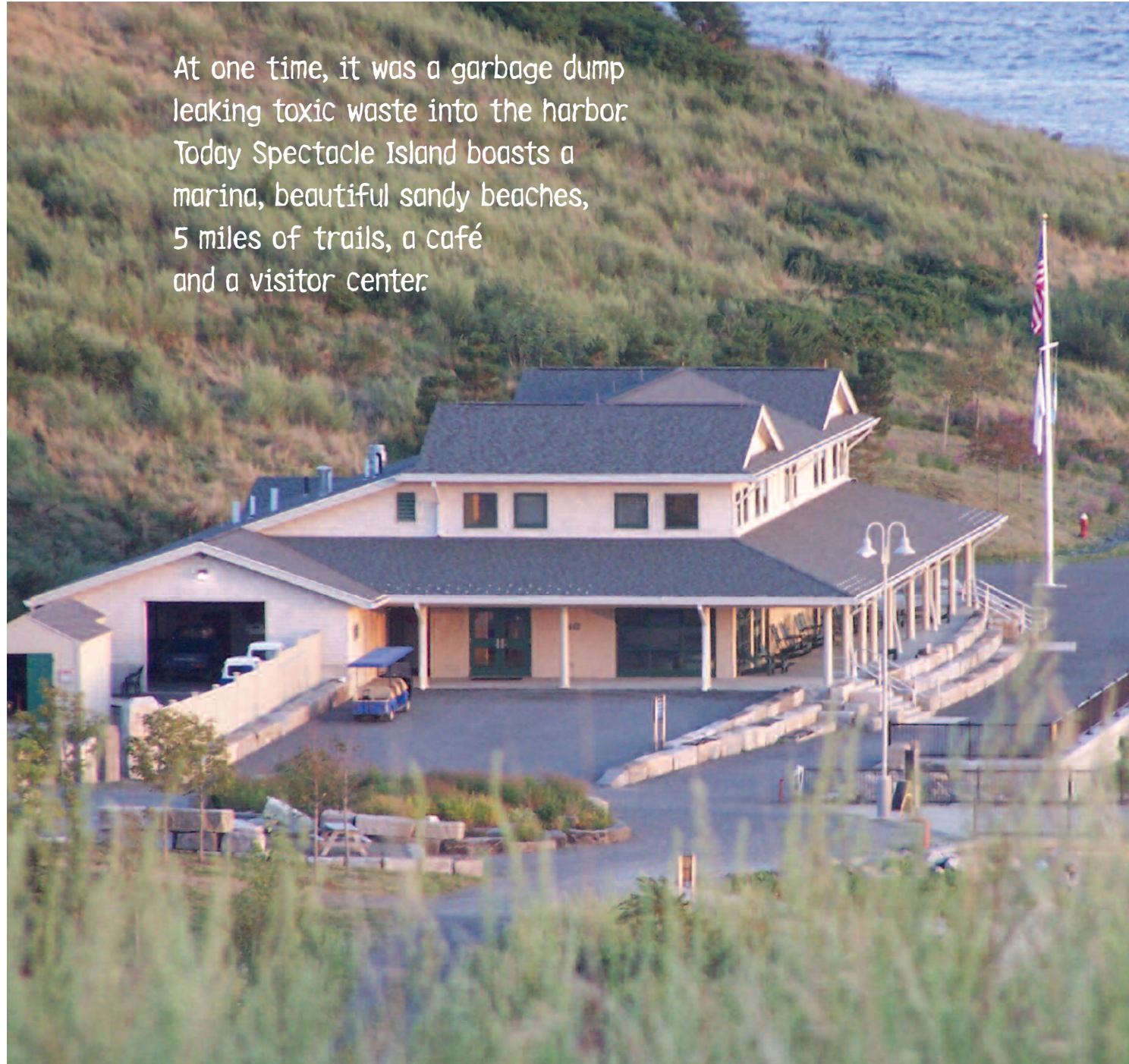
■ Paid interns from Boston University, Harvard, Northeastern University, MIT, UMass Boston, and other colleges perform fieldwork in a number of the natural sciences.

To make wise management decisions that will protect island resources for future generations, we need to continue these critical studies and complete baseline surveys and inventories. We must:

- **Protect sensitive habitats and historical sites from overuse and development threats**
- **Manage invasive non-native species**
- **Conduct comprehensive studies on cultural, archeological, and historic sites such as Fort Warren, a National Historic Landmark, to save these treasures for future generations**
- **Expand our knowledge of Native American history in the area and their use of the islands**
- **Host a 2008 Science Symposium to showcase recent research in the park**



At one time, it was a garbage dump leaking toxic waste into the harbor. Today Spectacle Island boasts a marina, beautiful sandy beaches, 5 miles of trails, a café and a visitor center.



RENEWING OUR FACILITIES

Island facilities serve park visitors and serve to protect sensitive habitats and historic sites. Last summer, we celebrated the achievement of both purposes when Spectacle Island opened to the public. Working with multiple partners including the “Big Dig,” we took the final steps to complete the environmental project and to welcome visitors to the park’s “new” island. ■ Capital improvements are rarely glamorous, but they are critical to achieving a vision. We have been upgrading docks, trails, and buildings to make them more comfortable, more accessible, and safer for visitors. More than 25 tons of asbestos-containing materials were removed from former military sites on Gallops, Outer Brewster, Peddocks, and Georges Islands. Outdated underground fuel storage tanks were removed from Thompson, Outer Brewster, Great Brewster, and Georges Islands. ■ Our plans call for reuse of Fort Andrews for education, public accommodations, conferences, weddings, and other functions. In an innovative project, we used \$5.3 million in environmental mitigation funding from Duke Energy to drill a utility tunnel from Pemberton Point to Peddocks Island. With water, electricity, communications, and sewer lines now serving Fort Andrews, we can attract investors who will preserve these historic buildings for new uses. ■

RENEWING OUR FACILITIES



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■ New floating docks at Bumpkin, Grape, Spectacle, and Lovells Islands now provide “universal access” and newly built ferry piers at Spectacle and Peddocks provide a platform for increased access.

■ To enhance the visitor experience, we constructed a Ranger booth on Long Wharf, an information center with interactive video kiosks and retail space at Fan Pier, and a visitor center with interactive exhibits on Spectacle Island.

■ Through a national competition, we selected a designer for the Harbor Park Pavilion on Rose Kennedy Greenway in Boston.

■ Spectacle Island’s visitor center has been recognized for its environmentally sustainable composting toilets, waterless urinals, and a photovoltaic system that powers the island’s electric vehicle fleet.

■ New park identity and information signs have been installed on Deer, Spectacle, Georges, Peddocks, Lovells, Gallops, Grape, Bumpkin, Peddocks, and Nut Islands.

■ We reconstructed historic walkways and railings at Fort Warren and stabilized the historic guardhouse at Fort Andrews.

■ The custom-built *Abigail* was purchased for use in public programs. Through transfer of ownership, we acquired several surplus Coast Guard patrol boats and a buoy tender that is used for research.

■ A new septic system and waterline from the mainland now serve visitors on Georges Island. Public restrooms were renovated on Thompson Island; and composting toilets were installed on Thompson, Peddocks, and Grape Islands. These improvements not only support public access but protect the environment.

While enormous progress has been made in the cleanup and improvement of the infrastructure on many islands, the work is not complete. In the future, we plan to:

- Move ahead with the design and construction of Harbor Park Pavilion on Rose Kennedy Greenway to serve as the Boston gateway to the Harbor Islands
- Complete the cleanup of Gallops Island so it can be reopened to the public
- Rebuild the pier at Georges Island and construct new floating docks at Little Brewster, Thompson, and Deer Islands
- Improve island amenities such as campgrounds, shade shelters, signs, and exhibits
- Collaborate with private investors on plans for adaptive reuse of Fort Andrews as a public space





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The Volunteers & Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands received the National Association of State Park Directors President's Award and, from the National Park Service, the George B. Hartzog, Jr. Award for Outstanding Volunteer Service.

The Island Alliance has honored the following individuals and organizations for their commitment, leadership, and hard work on behalf of the Boston Harbor Islands and our visitors.

GERRY STUDDS STEWARDSHIP AWARD

Congressman Gerry Studds	1997
Congressman William Delahunt	1997
Mr. Bill Whelan, Spaulding & Sly	1997
Boston Mayor Thomas M. Menino	1998
Mr. Gerry Millet, Lehman Millet	1998
Senator Edward M. Kennedy	1999
Mr. Paul Guzzi, Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce	1999
Congressman John Joseph Moakley	2000
Ms. Gloria Cordes Larson, Foley Hoag	2000
Senator John F. Kerry	2001
Nicholas J. Pritzker, Hyatt Corp.	2001
Secretary Bob Durand, Massachusetts Executive Office of Environmental Affairs	2002
Ms. Paula D. Polito, Merrill Lynch	2002
Secretary Douglas I. Foy, Massachusetts Office for Commonwealth Development	2003
Mr. Pat Hester, Duke Energy	2003
Congressman William Delahunt	2004
Congressman Michael E. Capuano	2005

YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARD

Ms. Katherine F. Abbott, Campaign for Conservation & Recreation	2005
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GOVERNOR’S AWARD FOR LEADERSHIP

Governor Argeo Paul Cellucci	1999
The Boston Harbor Association	2000
Volunteers & Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands	2000
Save the Harbor/Save the Bay	2000
Mr. Frank Middleton, National Park Service	2002
Ms. Susan M. Kane, Thompson Island Outward Bound Education Center	2002
Ms. Claudia Smith-Reid, Massachusetts Water Resources Authority	2002
Mr. Richard A. Dimino, Artery Business Committee	2003
Ms. Patrice Todisco, Boston Greenspace Alliance	2003
Dr. Edward O. Wilson, Harvard University	2004

DR. JAMES R. ALLEN (recognized in memoriam)

U.S. Geological Survey	2002
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PARK PIONEER AWARD

Boston Mayor Thomas M. Menino	2006
Congressman John Joseph Moakley (recognized in memoriam)	2006
Senator Edward M. Kennedy	2006
National Park Service	2006

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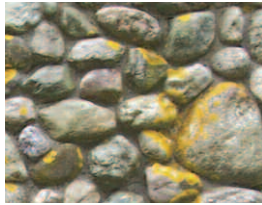
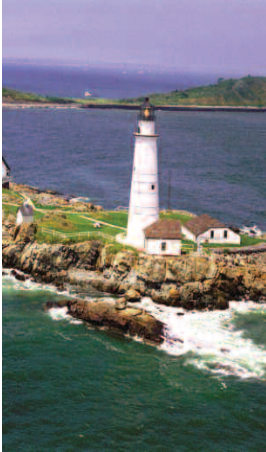
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